Uriyá Inscriptions of the 15 th and 16 th centuries.-By BÁbú Mon Mohan Chakravarti, M. A., B. L., Subordinate Executive Service of Bengal.
These inscriptions are 14 in number; 12 on the leftand right side of the Jayavijaya door-way in the templc of Jagannátha at Purí, and 2 on the right side of the door-way in the temple of Mahádeva at Bhuvaneśvara. They furnish important dates of Orissa history, and are the earliest known Uriyá writings found in Orissa. ${ }^{1}$

The Jayavijaya door is that which lcads into the Porch of the Jagannátha temple. The inscriptions are carved on the door-way. This doorway is of black polished chlorite. The left side inscriptions begin from a height of three feet, the right side ones from a hcight of one foot. They then take up about $\frac{3}{4}$ th of the remaining height. Tho lines run from west to east, and are nearly, but not always, straight.

The letters are Uriyá, and do not generally differ from the present types except in च, ज and र. They are $\frac{1_{4}^{\prime \prime}}{} \times^{\frac{1}{3}}{ }^{\prime \prime}$. The language is throughout Uriyá except at the end of the right side 5 th inscription, where are quoted 4 stanzas of Sanskrit slokas. The orthography is often incorrect. The grammatical differences are small.

The inscriptions belong to four reigns, viz.,
(1) Kapileśvara Deva .. ... ... 5
(2) Purushottama Deva ... ... 4
(3) Pratáparudra Deva ... ... ... 2
(4) Mânagovinda Govinda Dcva ... ... 1

The above sequence denotes the natural order of the kings in their succession; Kapileśvara Deva being the founder of the Súrya-vamía and Govinda Deva being the overthrower of that dynasty.

The inscriptions begin with an onumeration of the various titles of the inscribing lking. It is curious to observe that these titles increase in number and pomposity, the later we como. All these titles are still used by the Rájá of Purí, and may be found on the title-pages of Uriyá almanacs.

[^0]Next como the dates. The phraseology of the dates is peculiar. Takc No. 1 of left side :-
"Prabardhamána bïé rájye samasta 3 anka Sráhi Magúsir kru troyodasí Bhimi bare " =

On Tuesday, the 13th (tithi) of Margasir dark half in the third anka of the prosperous victorious reign of -.

Samasta means here " during."
Sráhi is a tcchnical word, but has no particular meaning in the context.

The dates are of luni-solar months cxpressed in tithis of dark or bright half. The ankas aro regnal years and something morc. Certain figures arc considered inauspicious and left out in counting. These figures are one, all numbers ending with zero (except 10), and ending with six. $\quad 1,6,16,20,26,30, \& c$., sliould bo left out of consideration in calculating the ankas. Hence 19 th anka $=16$ th year, 31 st anka $=25$ th year, and so forth.

To be of any practical use, the ankas and tithis require conversion into English calendar dates. Below are given the equivalent calendar dates arrived at in the following manner. From Madalá Pánji,* is found out the approximate ycar of the king's accession. Add the regnal year derived from the anka. The tithis are given as well as the weck days. According to Professor Jacobi's Table (Part CCIX, Vol. XVII of the Indian Antiquary), the ycar in which the tithi in question fell on the stated week-day can then be easily found. Generally this year is within 20 years of the approximate year. These dates are next verified. The sources of verification are-

- (1) The dates of the other inscriptions ;
(2) The Muhammadan historics;
(3) The biographies of Chaitauya;
(with respect to the reign of Pratáparudra Deva).


## I. Kapileśvara Deva.

Inscriptions. Uriyá dates. Equivalent calendar dates.

1. Loft, No. 3 ... 4th anka dhanu new

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\begin{equation*}
\text { moon, Sunday }=9 \text { th December, } 1436 \mathrm{~A} . \mathrm{D} . \tag{O.S.}
\end{equation*}
$$

2. Left, No. 4 ... 41st ${ }^{\text {anka dhanu }}$ sukla 7, Sunday $=14$. thı December, 1466 A. D. (O. S.)

[^1]


5 रहा ये हरह से हरिला दोष पाइ।

## Translation.

On Tuesday, the 13th (tithi) of Margasir dark half of the 3rd anka of tho prosperous and victorious reign of the warrior, olephant-lord, king over Gauḑa and tho ninety millions (subjects) of Karṇáta and Kalabaraka (probably Kulbargí), of tho powerful Purushottama Deva Mahárája, while at camp Purushottama, (i. e., Purí) it was ordered :-I remit the levying from the Bráhmans of the Chankidárí Tax (Dando-ási Ohor) in the south; I cease to resumo the waste lands and tho pasturos; he who takes, gets the sin in theft.

> Left side,
> No. II.

Length $4^{\prime}-8^{\prime \prime} \times 1^{\prime}-9^{\prime \prime}$-Lines 11.
L. 1 वीर म्री गजपति गौड़ेम्वर नवकोटी करार्fटकलवइगेम्वर प्रताप स्रो पुरुषोत्तम देव माहाराजाङ समस्त
2 ₹ म्राही मेस सु १२ ग्टवारे श्रोपुरुषोत्तम कटके विजे समए पुरुषोत्तम ट्रेव माहाइाजाङ্ৰ दत्
3 द्वियदिगद्वाडपाटे भ्रीपुरुषोत्तम जगन्नाघदेवद्षए प्राामाल श्ष्रामानर द्खी याद्या क्षवदान सेवक
4 ङंड देशूमानर प्रमेम्वर्क भोग्रेप्रमान छ्यवटान प्रमेम्बरकु नि (?) दालु (?) सेंवर्रमानल्ड
5 घ्बवदान सेवकमानङ्षुं काड़िलि ए पषोत्तम देव माछाराजाङ्षं मोगकु घ्बन्तरोधविषे माधोतिल ग्राम
6 धान म पू०० कडड़ी का 2000 कामलपुर ग्राम ए भोगकु छोड्वाता परव देट्रिन्मं माजना
7 (7 letters illegible) मह्हादेवङ्भ मोगकु द्न्तीया
8 दौग द्यड़पाटे वाँझाचास ववसे गोप
9 पुर ग्राम दिलि ए च्रवदानमान ए ओोग
10 रेश् जे हरह से जगनाथ㫚 दोच
11 करड ।

## Translation.

On Thursday the 12th (tithi) of Mcsha bright half of 2nd (anka) of the warrior, the elephant-lord, the king over Gauda and tho ninety millions in Karnáta and Kalabaraga, of the powerful Purushottama Deva Mahárája while encamping at camp Purushottama, the (following) gifts of Purushottama Deva Mahárája in Dakshinadiga dạ̣ḍapáṭa:-(1) for god Jagannátha of Purushottama, a gift of the old mála tracts in the south ; (2nd) for the bhoga of the god a gift of lands out of the lands of the sevaks ; (3rd) gifts to the priests engaged in slceping (?) tho god, (these) I leave to the sevaks. As offerings of Purushottama Deva Mahárája (pcrsonally,) for bhoga, the village Mádhotila in Antarodha Bisi, paddy 500 bharans, cowries a,000 káháns and the village Kámalpur-theso are for the bhoga. For the festivals, \&c., of othcr gods, goddesses and the Mahádeva I bestow the village Gopapura in Bánchás Bisi of Dakshiṇadiga Dandapáta. These gifts, these lands, he who takes away, rebels against Jagannátha.

Note.
Purushottama Deva got on the throne after a civil war. In this inscription, he hastens to propitiate by gifts the gods and their pricsts. The gifts are of two sorts :-first he confirms the old grants; secondly he gives in addition threo more villages. The phraseology is tautological and somewhat ambignous. Dakhiṇadiga Daṇdapáța is the name of a Division (No. 14 of Sarkár Kaṭak. Abul Fazl). It is not now in existence. The bisis Antarodha and Bánchás still exist as pergunnahs. Gopapura is presumably the present Gopo, where a tháná has been located. The other two villages cannot be traced.

Left side.
No. III.
Leng'th $2^{\prime}-0 \times 7^{\prime \prime}$-Lincs 8.
L. 1 वीर श्रो प्रताप कपिल्जेम्वर देव माहाराजाङ्षंर विजय राज्ये समस्त 8 चङ्ञ স्राही
2 धनु चमावै सौरिवारे श्रो पुरुषोत्तम कटने परमेग्वरङ दर्शून समए
महापाच
3 ककाइ सान्तरा महापाच जलसरसेन नरेन्द्र महापाच गोपीनाथ मंग राज महापाच
4. काशीविद्याधर महापान वेलम्वर प्रह्हाज महापाच लखन पुरोचित पटनउयक दामोदर महा

## 5 सेनापती थाह परमेम्वर ङ्ष श्रीचराा बग्रते भोग परिच्ता पान च्यमिसम मुद्मस्तर गोच

6 रे वोइला भुदले ख्रो पुरुषोत्तम देवङ्ञ ट्उलद्वारे लेखन करिवा छाम्भर घोड़ीसा इा
7 न्यर लोया कउड़ी मुलकर न्याय्य छाड़िलि छाड़िलि छ़ाड़िल एहा हाजा होइ जे लड्धुर्ट से श्री
8 जगयाथ देवब्षुं दोच् करइ।

## Translation.

On Sunday the new moon in Dhanu of the 4th anka of the vietorious reign of the warrior, the powerful Kapileśvara Deva Mahárája, at camp Purushottama while paying respeets to tho god, in presence of Mahápátra Kakái Sántará, Mahápátra Jalasara Sena Narendra, Mahápátra Gopínátha Mangarája, Mahápátra Kásí Vidyádhara, Mahápátra Belaśvara Praharája, Mahápátra Lakhan Purohita, Paṭanaik Dámodara the generalissimo, beforo the feet of the God, and in the cognisance of Pátra Agni Sarmá, the examiner of Bhogas and tho seal-bearer, spoke (the king) :-Engraver, write on the door of tho templo of the God Purushottama-the tax levied on salt and eowries I remit, remit, remit. Whoever being king, violates this, rebels against Lord Jagannátha.

Note.
This is tho earliest inseription of the series. According to the Madalá Pánji, Kapileśvara Deva was an usurper, who from a minister beeame the king. He remits the taxes on salt and shells, apparently to popnlarise his reign. Of the eight offieers named, Káśí Vidyádhara and Jalasara Sena Narendra are mentioned in the Mádalá Pánji to have been associates of the king in his youth.

Left side.
No. IV.
2 parts.
Part $1-44^{\prime}-4^{\prime \prime} \times 11^{\prime \prime}$-Lines 9 .
L. 1 श्री वीर प्रताप कपिलेसर नवकोटो कर्णाटकलवरगेम्वर गजति गौड़ेम्वर देव मह्हाराजाङ्ष विजे राइजे समस्त $8 ?$ झ्रा ही
2 धनु सुकल सप्रमि रवोवारे श्रो पुरूषोत्म जगनाथ देवङ्ञ घद्मपादकुतु मत्तौ निमित्ये कपिलेखर इजाए सेवा करिदिले इत्न

3 तोढ़रमान श्रो भूजर रत्लश्रंख चक्र टुइ प्रमेग्वर ङ मन हिंकि सुनायोगाड़ एमान क्षानि प्रवेस कले हासिक माहा
4 पान जमसर माहापान विश्येम्वर माहापान्न करमु माहापान्न नाय माहापान एते लोके प्रवेप् कले नन्द्रि माहापानङ घ्बधिकारे
5 माजयामडड़े चउद्शूत्रकरया भोगइागर समश्नन्ती घोइ देली। प्रम।यो लागि कराइले रत्नमकुट $\subset$ कायाफुल जोड़ातुंग
6 ल 8 नोड़का निसब्वा करि योड़ा -8 होरामारिक विचिन्नमाल २ नाना नाएक मुदि १२ मुकुता
7 याडलि - सुकुता वड़करिठमाल 8 मायिकासुता मा ऽ मरकत जाडलि c मरकत मुकुता मा 4 नानारत्नक्रमदक 8 मरल्क
8 विसरसरे मानिकसुजा पद्सरि 8 मुकुता तोसरा उतुरी ₹ एका रत्नहाそ १ मुकुता तोढ़र २
9 पादपलव २ नाना नाएक वाङटौ जोड़ा १२२ हिटामानिकि वला जो २ जालितोढ़ए २

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\text { Part 2-1 }-9^{\prime \prime} \times 7^{\prime \prime} \text {-Linos } 6
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L. 1 नाना परताड़ योड़ा १ पाएड़ 8 मुकुता कब्ध्वन्नट ई

2 कान्तियरकवर + कटी मेखला कनकभ्कलाइ माल $y$
3 सुना योगिव्र १ नाना पदार्थ पूंख चक्रर रत्न मा
4 ढ़ रहर सुना +++ गोटिए श्रोकपिलेग्वर ₹
5 जाए एहा जगनाथ भहाप्रभुकु fदलि एहा नेमा वो
6 लि ये मनरे धरह से श्रो जगनाथब्बुं दोहकरइ।

## Translation.

On Sunday, the 7th (tithi) of Dhana bright half in the 4lst (anka) of the victorious reign of the warrior, the powerful, the elophant-lord, the king over Gauḍa and ninety millions of Karụáta and Kalabaraga, Kapilośvara Dova Mahárája, out of devotion to the lotus-feet of the Lord Jagannátha of Purushottama, Kapileśvara Deva Rája gave for saored use :-Ornamented wrist-ornaments (toḍhar), and decorated conoh and sholls, two for the Lord's arms. For the bhoga of the god, the following (men) brought a supply of gold, viz., Hásika Mahápátra, Jamasara Mahápátra, Viśveśvara Mahápátra, Karamú Mahápátra and Nátha Mahápátra, these (men) supplied, under the superintendonee of Nandi Malaípátra ; all (tho articles) were placed in the audicnce laall
for bhogas of 1400 sorts. In aeeordanee with direetions (of the S'ástras, the followiug) were put on the body (of the Lord), viz, one ornamented erown, earrings 8, Tungal in pairs 4 , sinall earrings eounted at 14 pairs, necklaees set with diamonds and rubies 2 , rings set with various sorts of stones 12 , pearl ear-ornaments (jáulis) 8, large neeklaees of pearls 4 , neeklaees of rubies 8 , emerald ear-ornaments (jáulis) 8 , neeklaees of emeralds and pearls 5 , loekets set with various sorts of stones 4 , three-rowed emerald neek-ornaments with pendant ruby parrot 4, three-rowed pearl broast-ornaments (uturis) 2, ornamented neeklaee 1, pearled wrist-ornaments (toḍhor) 2, golden feet set with stones (páda-pallabas) 2, banglos set with various sorts of stones 12 pairs, balás or wrist-ornaments of rubies and diamonds 2 pairs, netted tordhars 2, bracelets or partárdhas one pair, feet-ornaments or páhuráhis 4 , pearl bracelets 6 , waistlets with golden drops (?) 5, gold Jogibra (?) 1, tho gold of (these) various things, and of the eonel and shell is 192 márdas, one (illegible); the king Kapileśvara mado a gift of those to Lord Jagannátha. He who intends to tako them, rebels against Jagannátha.

Note.
The inseription gives an interesting enumeration of tho various ornaments bestowed by Kapileśvara Deva on Jagannátha. Many of these ornaments are still in use.

> Left side.
> Ne. V.
> $2^{\prime}-8^{\prime \prime} \times 9^{\prime \prime}$-Lines 6 .

1. 1 वोइश्रो गजनि गड ड़ेसर प्रताप कपिलेसर देव माहाएजाङ्ष विजे राज्ये 2 समस्त इप अ्राही मेस क्टा 8 वुधवारे मो जगनाथ तोच्है सेवक ए

$4+t+t+$ वालकालु पोसि ध्यानिलि एमाने मोते स बुर्ंें काड़िले
5 एमानङ्ञु मुद्र ये याहा क्षनुस्पे विहिवी नियोगिवि विभो जगनाथ 6 एकथा मोहर दोस छ्रद्रोस विचार।

## Translation.

On Wednesday tho 4th (tithi) of Mesha dark half in the 35th (anka) of tho vietorious reigu of the warrior, the clephant lord, the king over• Gauḍa, the powerful Kapileśvare Deva Mahárájin:-Oh Jagannátha, thy servant thus iuformeth the high offieers in the kingdom. From
soldiers and servants (illegible, probably "up to them"), I looked after (all) from boyhood, now they kave forsaken me. I will treat them as they deserve. Lord Jagannátha, judge tho correctness or incorrectness of mine (acts).

Note.
According to Mádalá Pánji, in the 35 th anka of Kapileśvara Deva's reign, the Zemindars of Kundajori broke out into rebellion. From the context they appear to have bcen assisted by many of the king's own officers.

Left side.
No. VI.

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3^{\prime}-3^{\prime \prime} \times 1^{\prime}-3^{\prime \prime} \text {-Lines } 10
$$

बोर श्रो गजत्ति गउड़ेग्वर नवकोटौकखाएट कलवइगेसर विरवइ স्री प्रतापरूद्द देव
माहाराजाङ्षर समस्त 8 सङ्ष ग्राही ककड़ा सु $?^{\circ}$ वुधवाई घवधारीत बाहंगा प्रमायो वड़
ठाकुरए गीतगोविन्दठाकुुर भोगवे ले ए नाट होइ्रव। संभधुप सरिला ठाए
वड़ सिंगार परियन्ने ए नाट होइव। बड़ ठाकुर्ळ संपरदा कपिले म्वर ठाकुरङ्ष‘ वन्धा
नाचयीमान पुर्या संपरदा तेलंगी संपरदा एमाने सविहें वड़ ठाकुइए गौतगो
विन्द जै छानगीत न सिखीवे। छानगोत न गाइवे। क्रान नाट होइ परमेग्वरङ छामुरे न
हव य नटट वितरके वइ्ष्यम गाष्यया चारीजन छक्वन्ति समाने गीवगोविन्द गीवह्हि से गाइवे
 मिखीवे घानगीत न किएीवे एहा
जे परीच्ता घानगीव नाट कराइले जानी से जगन्नाथळ दोच करहू।
Translation.
On Wednesday the 10th (tithi) of Kakaḍa, bright half in the 9th anka of the warrior, the olephant-lord, the king over Gauda and ninety millions of Karnáta and Kalabaraga, the mighty Pratáparudra Deva

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Máhárája aeeording to the aseertained orders:-Dancing will be performed thus at the Bhoga time of the elder Ţ̦ákur (i. e. Balaráma) and Gítagovinda Thákur (i. e. Jagaunátha). This daneing will be held from the end of evening dhúpa up to the time of Barasingár (bed time) dhípa. The bateh (of dancing girls) of Bara Thákur, the fixed female dancers of Kapileśvara Thákur, the old batch, the Telangá bateh, all will learn no other song than Gítagovinda of Baṛa Țhákur. They will not sing any other song. No other kind of daneing should be performed before the god. Besides the dancing, there are four Vaishuava singers ; they will sing only the Gítagovinda. Hearing in one tone from them, those who are ignorant will learn the Gítagovinda song; they should not learn any other song. That superintendent who knowingly allows other songs to be sung, and other dancings to be performed, rebels against Jagannátha.

Note.
This ediet directs what songs are to be sung and what danees are to be performed at the time of night bhogas (from evening to bed-time). The songs will bo the songs of Gítagovinda and nothing else. The dancers were in four batehes, and they were taught by four Vaishnava siugers.

Left side.
No. VII.
वोर श्री गजपति गौड़ेम्बर नबकोfि कर्गाटकलवरगेम्वर प्रताप प्रीसृद्दयेव महाइाजाङ्षा समस्त
出烏एँ स्राहि धनु तिनटिन (?) सोमवारे +++ कटक विजेसमए
(Rest illegible).
Translation.
On Monday, the 3rd (?) of Dhanu in the 5th anka of the warrior the elephant-lord, the king over Gauḍa and the ninety millions of Karnáta and Kalabaraga, the powerful Rudra Deva Mahárája, at camp. . . .

## Note.

This inscription is the lowermost. Ordinarily the place is dark, and the pilgrims while passing through the door, feel the way by touching the wall. In this manner almost all its lower part has been rubbed off.
J. I, 13

Right side. No. I.
in three parts.
Main part:-2' $9^{\prime \prime} \times 9^{\prime \prime}$-Lines 5.
बोरम्री गर्जति गौौड़िश्वर नवकोटीकएईटकलवरगेग्वर
प्रताप पघोत्तम देव माहाराजाएक समस्त ₹ ग्राही मेस सकल १२ ग्वारे ग्री पृषोत्तम कटके विजे समए
 रलखट १ सुनामार्यंयोपट १ रलवेखएचँच्मर २।

Western part:-Lines 7

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6 \frac{1}{2}^{\prime \prime} \times 11^{\prime \prime}
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पषोत्तम माहाराधाएँ द्त्तर नपलङ्ष २

रनकानफ़लल
8 मे हुगर्भं
वाऊटि घोड़ा २
रत्नविश्च̆ना? चन्दिष्घागो ?

Eastern part :-Lines 5
$1^{\prime} 0 \times 10^{\prime \prime}$
रलद्रर्पया गोटिए
२ एहानेमा
रे ये मनरे धरह
से जगनाथ देवङ्ष
दोच्ह करद्र।

Translation.
On Thursday, the 12th of Mesha, bright half in the 2nd (anka) of the warrior, the elephant-lord, the king over Gauda and ninety millions of Karuátạa and Kalabaraga, the powerful Purashottama Deva Mahárájá, while eneamping at camp Purushottama:-Ornamented ivory coueh 1, ornamented throne with flags and jars 1 , ormamented umbrella 1 , ornamented bedstead 1, golden-handled broom 1, ornamented-haudled chauris 2.

Eastern part.
Gift of king Purushottama :Ornamented eouehes 2 ,
Ornamented earrings 4, Merugarbha wristlets 2 pairs, Ornamented fan 1 , Cliandia (hair-ornament like moon) 1.

Western part.
Ornamented mirror 1. He who thinks of taking these, rebels against Lord Jagannátha.

Note.
This inscription seems to be a continuation of No. II lcft side, and is of the same date.

> Right side.
> No. II.
> $2^{\prime} 5^{\prime \prime} \times 1^{\prime} 2^{\prime \prime}-L i n e s ~ 8$.

वीर श्रो गजपति गउड़ेम्बर घवापकपिले म्बर देव
 वै रवोवारे मर्बिकापरिसादिग विजेकरि बाएड़ा कटकाइ श्री पुरुषोत्तमकटके वीरमोनोई विजे समए ग्रीचराए घ्यगते कोठघर सान्तरा परिच्तनहापान रघुदेब्षो नरिन्द्र जनाईं काड़कराइलाक्रु चाघंगं होहूला श्रो पुरघोत्तमर पुखडिच्त गोपसाढ़ी देलि एथकु ये waालघंछ से जग


Translation.
On Sunday the new moon in the Mesha of the 19th anka of the vietorious reign of the warrior, the elephant-lord, the king of Gauda, Kapileśvara Deva Mahárája, having conquered the side of Malliká Parisá, on the journey back, at camp Purushottama, while taking his food, the storekeeper and superintendent Raghu Deva Narendra having made known (to the king) it was ordered :-I give to god Purushottam the Sári eloth known as Puṇdariksha gopa. Whoever violates this rebels against Jagannátha. This writing Kelai Khunṭiá inseribed.

Note.
The Mádalá Panji mentions the conquest of a Malliká country in the 21st anka-21st mag be a mistake for 19. "Puṇ̣ariksha gopa" may be the name of a village.

Right side.
No. III.

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4^{\prime} 1^{\prime \prime} \times 1^{\prime} 4^{\prime \prime}-\text { Lines } 7
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वीर श्रो गर्जप्ति गउड़ेम्वर नवकोटौकर्गाट कलवरगेम्वर प्रताप कमिले म्वर
देव माहाराजाङ्ञर विजेराज्ये समस्ल ३? घ्यङ স्राही ककड़ा सु १२ ग्टवारे श्री पुरु


[^0]:    1 A transcript of these 12 inscriptions, and a translation of tenth, have beon given by Dr. R. L. Mittra, in his Antiquities of Orissa, Vol. II, Appendix, pp. 165-167. My readings of the samo and my translations diffor considerably; hence this article.

[^1]:    * Mádalá Pánji is the chroniclo of the temple of Jagannátha. Hitherto it has been almost the only source for tho history of Orissa in the Hinda period.
    $\dagger$ A mistake for 39th.
    J. I. 12

